phased manner so that safe blood is available for transfusion.

Setting up of Petrochemical complex in Punjab

*151. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 8th August, 1990, regarding a suggestion made by the Punjab, Haryana, Delhi Chamber of Commerce and Industry for setting up a Petrochemical complex in the Punjab ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether Government would take necessary steps for the setting up of the said project at an early date ; and

(c) if not, shat are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) Government have seen the press report.

(b) and (c) Proposals for setting up petrochemical complexes are considered having regard to availability of feed stock and other techno economic aspects. While there is no petrochemical complex in Punjab under consideration during the 8th Plan period, it may be feasible to consider setting up of such a complex in Punjab at a later stage.

आरक्षित श्रेणियों के लोगों को पेट्रोल पम्प और कुकिंग गैस की एजेंसियों/डीलरशिप का आबंटन

*152. श्री अजीत पी० के० जोगी :
कुमारी आलिया :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या वर्तमान में केन्द्रीय सरकार इस परिपाटी का अनुपालन कर रही है कि पेट्रोल पम्प और कुकिंग गैस की डीलरशिप/एजेंसियों के आबंटन के विज्ञापन देते समय क्षेत्र के सांसदों/विधायकों को उसकी अलग-अलग सूचना दी जाती , जिससे कि यह सुनिश्चित किया जा सके कि आरक्षित श्रेणियों के लिए सही और वास्तविक व्यक्तियों का ही चयन हो ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं कि वास्तविक रूप से आदिवासियों, अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के व्यक्तियों व विकलांग व्यक्तियों को ही ये एजेंसियां/डीलरशिप आबंटित की जायें ?

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री (श्री एम.एस. गुरूपदस्वामी) : (क) विभिन्न श्रेणियों के लिये आरक्षण और वर्गीकरण दर्शाने वाला नये पेट्रोल, डीजल की डीलरशिपों और रसोई गैस वितरकों की स्थान संबंधी विवरण संबंधित राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के सांसदों को उपलब्ध कराया गया है ।

(ख) आवेदकों द्वारा अनु० जाति/ज.जाति या शारीरिक विकलांग होने संबंधी सक्षम प्राधिकारी से प्राप्त प्रस्तुत किये गये प्रमाण पत्रों की जांच करने के बाद ही स्वतंत्र तेल चयन बोर्ड द्वारा उपयुक्त आवदकों का किया जाता है । यदि चयन किये गये प्रत्याशियों द्वारा प्रस्तुत किये गये प्रमाणपत्रों की सच्चाई के बारे में कोई शिकायत हो तो उसकी और जांच की जाती है और यदि शिकायत सही पाई जाय तो डीलरशिप/डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप समाप्त किये जाने जैसी कार्रवाई की जाती है ।

Setting up a new project by ONGC in Jaisalmer in Rajasthan

*153. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of

TROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has set up a new project in Jaisalmer in Rajasthan ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) and (b) Oil and Natural Gas Commission has been conducting exploration in the Rajasthan basin since 1964. Earlier these activities were being conducted with Jodhpur as the operational base. Now ONGC has established a forward base of the Rajasthan Project at Jaisalmer to facilitate operational requirements.

Self-sufficiency in the field of Chemical Products

*154. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the chemical industry in the country has made an impressive growth making the country self-sufficient in chemical products and emerging an important supplier in export market ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the export of chemical products in the years to come to earn more foreign exchange ; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) to (d) The Chemical Industry has made rapid strides in the last two decades and the country has become self-sufficient in most of the major heavy chemicals.

2. Export of Chemicals and allied items has recorded a steady growth in recent years. As against Rs. 783 crores in 1987-88, the value of export of these items was Rs. 2119 crores during the year 1989-90. For the year 1990-91, an export target of Rs. 3050 crores has been fixed for chemical sector.

3. Incentives available for exporting units in general such as, the facility of duty-free import of raw materials under the Duty Exemption Entitlement Scheme, Duty Drawback, Import Replenishment Licences, Exemption under Section 80 HHC of Income Tax Act in respect of export profits and Cash Compensatory Support (CCS), wherever applicable, are available to the units in the chemical sector also.

Celebration of 'World No Tobacco Day'

*155. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what steps were taken by Government in connection with the celebration of 'World No Tobacco Day' on 31st May, 1990 to bring about awareness amongst the youth against smoking and consumption of tobacco ; and

(b) whether any survey has been conducted to study the impact and if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD) : (a) The following steps were taken by the